

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, Ronald (RJ) Johnson devoted much of his professional life in the corrections field to protecting the lives of all citizens of South Dakota; and,

*Whereas*, During his more than 23 years with the Department of Corrections, RJ served in multiple security positions at the South Dakota State Penitentiary as a Senior Correctional Officer; and,

*Whereas*, RJ was well respected for his professionalism by his co-workers and the inmates he supervised; and,

*Whereas*, RJ ultimately gave his life in the line of duty on April 12, 2011; and,

*Whereas*, RJ personified the necessary attributes of a correctional officer through honor, courage, and sacrifice; and,

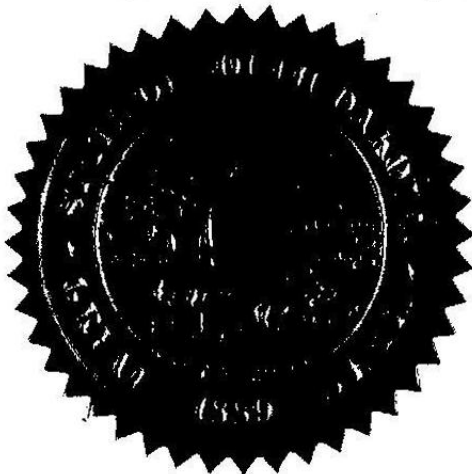
*Whereas*, Colleagues, family, and friends will gather on April 12, 2012, at the South Dakota State Penitentiary in Sioux Falls to honor RJ's memory; and,

*Whereas*, It is fitting and proper as Governor to recognize the committed service of this special South Dakotan who shall forever serve as a shining example to all correctional staff:

*Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim that the staff training academy at the State Penitentiary shall be dedicated as the

### ***SENIOR CORRECTIONAL OFFICER RONALD 'RJ' JOHNSON TRAINING ACADEMY***

I join his family, friends, and colleagues in this special day of remembrance and dedication.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Second Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twelve.

*Dennis Daugaard*  
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

*Jason M. Gant*  
Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State